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## LETTER FROM LOUDOUN COUNTY.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

LEESBURG, January 1, 1866.—Aliquis most cordially greets the "venerable editor" of the Alexandria Gazette, and wishes him many pleasant and profitable returns of this auspicious season. He cannot say, however, that he likes the term venerable as applied, because it reminds him that he has known the editor so long (though when he first knew him, he, (Aliquis, not the editor mind you,) was quite a small boy) that it seems to him rather a rude shock, and reminds him that he too is getting a little frosted, though by no means "in the sere and yellow leaf." "All men think all men mortal but themselves," and so each man sees his neighbor growing old, while he is as young as he was at sixteen.

Early in the morning of Christmas day some 8 or 10 soldiers of the company stationed here, followed by all the Leesburg boys up to 15 years, commenced tossing the negro men up in blankets to the no great comfort of the negroes. No one interfered to prevent it, and the negroes occasionally would rally, and catch an unwary soldier, who had pressed ahead of his companions, and pummel him quite soundly. In the afternoon the medicine taken at the grog-shops, which are numerous in our town, began to operate quite freely, and there was a general free fight, in which some eight or ten couples were engaged. The Mayor was out sleigh riding, and it was with some difficulty that the row was quelled. No one was hurt, except, possibly, by a black eye or two. It was not a party fight, but one of those things that will happen on such gala days as Christmas, in any town where unlicensed whiskey drinking is permitted. No serious accident, or more disagreeable incident, than those mentioned above, has happened in our community up to this time.

To-day, a considerable number of hirers and laborers were in town. I believe the highest rates obtained were \$13 a month for negro men, they to clothe themselves, and about \$6 a month for ordinary negro women—some who could cook, wash and iron commanded \$8 per month. I think the former class of women used to bring about \$40 to \$60 per annum, and clothing and medical attendance, and the latter from \$60 to \$75; negro men, such as hired for \$13 per month, used to command from \$110 to \$150 per annum and clothing and medical attendance. There seems to be an indisposition on the part of hirers to hire except by the month, but I am free to confess, that the conduct of the freedmen is entitled to high praise; they are incomparably more respectable than the free negroes, including among the latter class certain slaves that were allowed to run at large.

On the whole the prospects of our people are hopeful, and their temper and tone manly, but loyal. They are not slaves, though somewhat hampered in their privileges as citizens of the United States, but they rely on the good sense of the Northern people, which will bring back good feeling.

I can only note as items of news that the present temporary stay law is generally repudiated as unwise and uncalled for by our people, while probably some little modification of the law of 1865, (which allows the whole debt to proceed to execution unless all the interest is paid up in ninety days after demand,) would be more acceptable, say one-third in ninety, one-third in one hundred and eighty, and the rest due of the interest in two hundred and seventy days, where the amount of interest exceeds \$200. Our people unable to pay are not the former poor people, but the former large slaveholders and landholders, who were in many instances large debtors. I recognize, because my eyes have seen, the much more deplorable condition of the people who live at the scene of war, and further, that a law cannot be made to suit every man.

Another item (one which it is said I love to dwell upon) is the fact that the first marriage license issued under the re-organization was on July 15th, 1865, and that up to this time 62 have been issued, of which 23 were for the month of December, and three of these for freedmen. The number of licenses issued for that year 1860 was 82, and for December of that year 1860 was the largest number for any month year 6, and the largest since 1852, was 15.

In the German settlement, on the Potomac and west of the Catoceta mountains, there is a greater scarcity of houses, than was ever known before; not fewer houses or more people, but more people who want to keep house.

ALIQUIS.  
The funded debt of New York city is over forty-one millions of dollars.

**BECKER'S FOUR PRINCIPAL FRUIT FLAVORS.**  
(Extract of Vanilla, Extract of Lemon peel, Extract of Orange peel and Extract of Almonds, put up in two oz. bottles for Family use.)  
These flavors have been for years the only reliable ones in use by confectioners. The Vanilla is the finest for cakes. The Lemon and Orange are distilled from the green peel, and the Bitter Almond is free from any injurious acid. They are decidedly the best in the market. For sale by  
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**FOR THE HOLIDAYS.**—Port, Sherry and Madeira Wines, Champagne, California Wines, Angelica, Muscatel, &c. Old Rye Whiskey, Bourbon Whiskey, Brandy, Gin, Santa Cruz Rum, Jamaica Rum, Scotch Whiskey, Absinthe, Curacao and other Cordials, Bitters, &c., &c., by the bottle or quantity. For sale by  
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**CHARLES W. GREEN,**  
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Has just received a large assortment of FANCY and DRY GOODS for fall and Winter use; which will be sold at the lowest rates. se 1-1y

**Lumber, Wood, Coal, &c.**  
**LUMBER LUMBER!!**  
**SLOAN & BRUNER**  
Have for sale  
ALL KINDS OF LUMBER,  
At the lowest market rates.  
Hunter's Wharf, near the Tunnel.  
R. J. SLOAN. B. F. BRUNER.  
jy 5-6m

**DEALERS IN**  
**LUMBER, NAILS, LIME, CEMENT,**  
**AND CALCINED PLASTER.**  
No. 40 South Union Street.  
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**Gas and Steam Fitting Establishment,**  
NO. 15, ROYAL STREET,  
ESTABLISHED 1848.

**WORK PROMPTLY EXECUTED,**  
**AND WARRANTED.**  
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**PLUMBING! PLUMBING!**  
**GAS FITTING! GAS FITTING!**  
**G. P. HEALY & CO.,**  
**PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS,**  
No. 23, North Fairfax Street,  
(Under Mansion House).  
We are now prepared to do Gas Fitting and Plumbing, in all their branches. Fitting up Public Buildings, Stores and Dwelling Houses, in the most approved style, and at the very lowest figures.  
By leaving your orders with us you will save both time and money.  
ALL WORK WARRANTED.  
Always on hand a large assortment of GAS FIXTURES, comprising everything in the trade; also, LAMP GOODS of every description, at Peace Prices. Retail dealers will find it to their interest to examine our stock.  
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The best COAL OIL always on hand.  
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**PRACTICAL PLUMBER,**  
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The oldest and best established PLUMBING ESTABLISHMENT in the city. All work done with dispatch, and in the most durable and workmanlike manner.  
Satisfaction guaranteed.  
JOBING done at short notice, and by himself, or the most experienced workmen.  
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**DEALERS IN AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS,** Hardware, Cutlery, Bellows, Anvils, Nail Rods, Horse Shoes, Blister Steel, Files, Rasps, Shoeing Tools, &c. Commin's Iron Beam Plough at factory Prices; Castings for Titus Iron Plough kept on hand; Sash, Doors, Blinds, &c., furnished to order. Roofing felt, and Cement, Percussion Caps, Double and Single Guns, Shot Pouches, Powder Flasks, &c., wholesale and Retail. Terms Cash. set-1f

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL  
**Grocers, Feed and Flour Merchants,**  
Corner of Prince and Royal Sts.,  
jan 19-1y **ALEXANDRIA, VA.**

**Medical.**  
**PROF. LOUIS WUNDERMAN'S**  
**BLOOD PURIFYING**  
**AND**  
**PURGATIVE HERBS,**  
(In Pills and Powders.)

**THE BEST BLOOD PURIFYING agents** as yet known, have been most successfully used for over a quarter of a century in Europe, and for the last 4 years, also, in this country, and are particularly efficient in the cure of all chronic diseases. No one should despair of being cured without first trying them. No family should be without them, for by their timely use much sickness can be prevented. They are imported direct to this port by the undersigned, and their purity, efficacy and safety can be relied upon with perfect confidence.

The following are some of the diseases which have been permanently removed by their use:  
Tetter, Inflammation of the bowels, consumption in its early stages, headache, asthma, cough, sore eyes, lockjaw, ruptures, rheumatism, cramp cholic, catarrh, pain in the breast and sides, deafness, nervousness, spotted fever, chills and fever, ague, open wounds, pneumonia, dyspepsia, salt rheum, cancer, scrofula, jaundice, tapeworm, biliousness, eruptions of the skin, bowel complaint, langour, gout, dropsy, erysipelas, worms, cholic, piles, diarrhoea, hoarseness, swellings, bloatings, bloody and white flux, dysentery, costiveness, measles, &c.  
Full directions accompany each remedy imported and for sale by  
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For sale by most Druggists: jan 3-1f

**IMPROVE YOUR EYESIGHT!**  
**DOCTOR WHITE'S EYE-WATER**  
Takes at once the first rank among all ophthalmics yet known, and has proved to be the greatest blessing to thousands of sufferers in Europe for over 20 years. It cannot be too highly recommended to all men of business, especially to bank and other officers, bookkeepers, clerks, artisans, and all such as are obliged to work much by artificial light, or fire; artists, and to Ladies much engaged in reading, or fine needlework. It will not only strengthen and improve weak eyes but speedily cure all inflammation, cold, or lameness of the eyelids, but also, remove the beginning of cataract, and its use will positively insure against blindness.  
Price 75 cents a bottle.  
Imported and for sale by  
**JULIUS DIENELT, Dentist,**  
No. 145 Prince street.  
For sale by most Druggists. jan 3-1f

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**E. LYLES,**  
**BOOT AND SHOEMAKER,**  
No. 240 King Street,  
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The best quality of SEWED and PEGGED BOOTS made to order. Repairing neatly executed. je 28-1f  
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Gent's Calf and Kipp Boots.  
Gent's Calf, Kipp and Buff Boots and Shoes.  
Boys Boots and Shoes, in their varieties.  
Ladies Gaiters.  
Morocco Boots.  
Calf Seal.  
Misses Morocco, Seal and Calf Boots.  
Children's Shoes, of all kinds used.  
And in short every article usually found in a well assorted Shoe establishment, all of which are offered at fair living prices for CASH.  
**SIMPSON & BRO.,**  
sep 7-1f No. 8 Royal Street.

**THOMAS SINCLAIR,**  
**CARPENTER AND JOINER,**  
No. 15, South Water street,  
(near the Bank of the Old Dominion.)  
Is prepared to execute with dispatch, and on the most reasonable terms, all work in his line, and satisfaction warranted.  
He solicits work from the adjacent country, as he is prepared to contract for building, or to do any kind of repairing. se 25-1f

**NOTICE.**—It having been reported that I intended to give up my Livery Establishment in this place, this is to give notice, that such is not the fact, and that I shall continue my business at No. 28, King street, and ask a continuance of public favor.  
I have purchased the National Hotel Stables, in Washington, and shall also carry on business there, where my friends are invited to call. My stock of horses and vehicles is large and of the best. [de 14-1m] **JOHN T. PRICE.**

**HERRING—**  
100 bbls Shore Herring. For sale by  
de 23-1f **EDGAR SPEDEN.**

**Dry Goods, Millinery, &c.**

**SELLING OFF!**

**SECURE YOUR BARGAINS!**

**S. DEALHAM,**  
**106 KING STREET. 106**

**IS SELLING OFF AT**

**LESS THAN COST!**

**HIS IMMENSE STOCK OF**

**CUSTOM MADE CLOTHING,**

As his entire stock will have to be closed out

**POSITIVELY BEFORE NEXT SPRING,**

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**BOOTS AND SHOES**

Will be sold at

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**106, KING STREET,**

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**M. RUBEN & CO.,**

Have opened a store at No. 20, Fairfax street,

where they keep constantly on hand all kinds of

**SECOND-HAND GOODS,**

SUCH AS

**HOUSEHOLD & KITCHEN FURNITURE,**

**TOOLS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION,**

**BLANKETS,**

**COUNTERPANES,**

**SHEETS,**

**UNDERSHIRTS,**

**DRAWERS,**

and almost anything you may call for.

Don't fail to give us a call before purchasing elsewhere.

Cash paid for all kinds of Second-Hand Goods. de 18-1m\*

**"CLARENS" FOR SALE.—TWENTY-**

**SIX ACRES OF LAND,** a great part of

which has been in a good state of cultivation for

some years, and is one of the most elevated and

eligible situations, within two miles of Alexan-

dria, commanding a fine view of the Potomac,

Alexandria and Washington, and a more healthy

location cannot be found. The improvements are a large double DWELLING

HOUSE, three-fourths of which is brick, and built in the best manner, containing 14 large

airy rooms, attic and cellar; there are also 7

outbuildings, besides a large Ice House, a fine

well of water adjoining the main house, and

two fine springs on the property. It will be sold

a great bargain, if early application is made.

More land adjoining the property can be purchased at a moderate price. For terms, &c.,

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**JUST RECEIVED.**—Fresh Green, Black

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Mackerel, new and fat; Potomac Herring;

Pickled Pork, cheap; Bacon shoulders and

sides; Sardines, fresh; Raisins, Currants,

Dried Cherries, Prunes, Lemons, Preserved

Ginger; Pickles loose; Bath Brick; Silver

Soap; a good variety of Market and Fancy

Baskets; all of which, and everything else in

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**GEO. WASHINGTON & CO.**  
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**DRESS MAKING ESTABLISHMENT,**  
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MRS. H. ROSENBAUM, sole agent in Alexandria, for the above establishment, has just received the latest styles of Fall and Winter Patterns, for Ladies' and Children's wear. This is the only place in town where ladies can rely on getting their Dresses Made in the Latest Parisian and New York Fashions.

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